

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system for indicating the status of a video apparatus, comprising:
a power indicator illumination; and
a user interface operative to allow a user to selectively illuminate the
power indicator illumination when the video apparatus is powered on.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein even when the power indicator
illumination has been selected by the user to not be illuminated when the video
apparatus is powered on, the power indicator illumination can still be illuminated to
provide information to the user regarding operating status of the video apparatus.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein the illumination is at least one light
emitting diode (LED).

4. The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises an on-
screen menu.

5. The system of claim 4 further comprising a microprocessor for
controlling the illumination in response to information entered by the user on the on-
screen menu.

6. The system of claim 2, wherein the illumination blinks at a plurality of
different speeds, each speed indicating a different one of a plurality of operating
status of the video apparatus.

7. The system of Claim 2, wherein the operating status of the video
apparatus comprising at least one of following conditions: non-operating projection
lamp and cooling down of projection lamp.

8. A method of controlling the power indicator illumination of an apparatus,
comprising the steps of:

illuminating the power indicator illumination of the apparatus when the
apparatus is powered on; and

providing a user interface for allowing a user to selectively turn the power indicator illumination off, even when the apparatus is powered on.

9. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of allowing a microprocessor to illuminate the power indicator illumination of the apparatus, even if the user has selected to turn the power indicator illumination off.

10. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of allowing a microprocessor to illuminate the power indicator illumination of the apparatus, even if the user has selected to turn the power indicator illumination off.